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New Central Police Facility Approved In City Heights

Project Includes New 6-Acre Park And Other Community Facilities

SAN DIEGO — On Tuesday, September 23rd, the City Council unanimously approved a new multi-purpose police facility to be located on a 16-acre site at the intersection of Home Avenue and Federal Boulevard in City Heights. Through the efforts of Councilmember Toni Atkins, the project will also include a number of significant amenities that were requested by members of the communities surrounding the project.

These include: the purchase of an \$800,000, 6-acre park site on Home Avenue, the creation of a new, 900-square-foot community meeting room, new pedestrian improvements on both sides of Federal Boulevard. The project is designed to complement the architecture of the existing, historical pistol range and will provide a community identification sign at the intersection of Home and Federal.

"By working closely with the community, we have made this project a real asset for the surrounding neighborhoods," said Councilmember Atkins. "I see the acquisition of the 6 acres of park land as a huge step forward in improving the quality of life in a park-deficient area."

Councilmember Atkins also insisted on a number of other measures to protect wildlife, sensitive plant species, and waterways in and around the project site. These include placing a conservation easement over 6 acres of the project site, removing non-native plants from the Auburn Branch of Chollas Creek, the replanting and monitoring of rare plant species, enhanced monitoring of water quality on the site, and close monitoring of the impacts on adjacent wildlife.

The \$8 million facility, as approved, includes the relocation of existing K-9/SWAT facilities into new structures, the creation of a new vehicle maintenance facility for the Police Department, and rehabilitation of the historic pistol range buildings. The new vehicle maintenance facility will allow for the demolition of existing obsolete facilities downtown to clear the way for the city's new Central Library on that site.

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